

**From:** Gwen Perkins  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 23, 2003 7:35 AM  
**Subject:** Don't allow monopoly of media channels

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gwen Perkins  
2609 Redbud Drive  
Starkville MS 39759

**From:** Helen Theodore  
**To:** Helen Theodore  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 6:36 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Specter

Senator Santorum

Representative Greenwood

Message text follows:

Helen Theodore  
318 Upper Tinicum Church Rd  
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

January 27, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Helen C. Theodore

**From:** jaqueline aulet  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 23, 2003 8:41 PM  
**Subject:** Public comment

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12th Street, SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

For the sake of releasing the information about the current media rules that are focused on the economic impact of relaxing the rules, ignoring the public's interest in a free and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American public. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public and yourself as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Heywood

321 Imperial Blvd.

Lakeland, FL

**From:** John Walls Jr.  
**To:** John Walls Jr.  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 4:26 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Lincoln

Senator Pryor

Representative Berry

Message text follows:

John Walls Jr.  
100 Hebron Dr.  
Hardy, AR 72542

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

john william walls jr.

**From:** John Carmody  
**To:** John Carmody  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 1:10 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator DeWine

Senator Voinovich

Representative Boehner

Message text follows:

John Carmody  
5235 Garland Rd  
West Milton, OH 45383

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

John Carmody

**From:** John Selker  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 12:19 PM  
**Subject:** New FCC rules on media ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am a tenured professor, and very interested in the free flow of ideas and information as being fundamental to the health of our democracy. The changes on rules that are now being considered, to allow greater concentration of ownership of media in US markets will not further the public interest, and will reduce the incentive for media sources to be open and complete in their disclosure of public events.

I oppose this change in rules, and feel that the amount of public comment open on this important element of our democracy has been insufficient. Please realize that we care, and we the citizens do not see profit as the most important good when it comes to public communication using publicly owned airwaves.

John Selker  
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**From:** Leon Rzewnicki  
**To:** Leon Rzewnicki  
**Date:** Mon. Jan 27, 2003 10:05 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Graham  
Senator Nelson  
Representative Shaw  
Message text follows:

Leon Rzewnicki  
PO Box 1153  
Deerfield Beach. FL 33443

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Leon Rzewnicki



From: Linda Kriesel  
To: Linda Kriesel  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 3:14 PM  
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Byrd  
Senator Rockefeller  
Representative Capito  
Message text follows:

Linda Kriesel  
72 Buglers Way, Apt. 1  
Falling Waters, WV 25419

January 27, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

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Sincerely,

Linda Kriesel

**From:** Marjorie Johnson  
**To:** Marjorie Johnson  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Lugar  
Senator Bayh  
Representative Buyer  
Message text follows:

Marjorie Johnson  
807 S 5th St  
Lafayette, IN 47905

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Marjorie Johnson

**From:** Mary Boening  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon. Jan 27, 2003 7:55 AM  
**Subject:** FCC don't allow media monopolies

Dear Commissioner Powell:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership **Rule**, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Boening

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From: Peter Podolak  
To: Peter Podolak  
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:54 PM  
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Schumer

Senator Clinton

Representative Hinchey

Message text follows:

Peter Podolak  
302 Cyprus lane  
Endicott, NY 13760-2728

January 27, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

Please do not allow proposed fcc changes  
It will hurt many consumers.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Podolak

**From:** Roland Wokeck  
**To:** Roland Wokeck  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 10:18 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Levin  
Senator Stabenow  
Representative Upton  
Message text follows:

Roland Wokeck  
94760 40th St  
Decatur, MI 49045

January 27, 2003

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[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Roland K. Wokeck

**From:** Russ Rountree  
**To:** Mike **Powell**  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 24, 2003 12:10 PM  
**Subject:** Ownership regulations

I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market.

Russ Rountree

From: sandersc@nbps.org  
To: Commissioner Adelstein  
Date: Tue, Jan 28, 2003 8:11 AM  
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in the development of children.

The relaxation of media ownership rules will result in significantly less original programming for children. Relaxation also will reduce competition, potentially stifling innovation and increasing commercialism in children's programming.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

colleen sanders  
7600 Lyons Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida 33066

cc:  
Senator Bob Graham  
Representative Clay Shaw  
Senator Bill Nelson

**From:** Sarah Sachse  
**To:** Sarah Sachse  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Sarbanes

Senator Mikulski

Representative Gilchrest

Message text follows:

Sarah Sachse  
93 Severn Place  
Severna Park, MD 21146-4727

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Sarah Sachse



**From:** Seth Kotouc  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 28, 2003 12:36 AM  
**Subject:** FCC deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

I would like to call to your attention to the fact that you seem to be supporting a corporate led privatization of all media and not telling the majority of admittedly apathetic Americans about this. Do you really think corporate consolidation of all media is a good idea, it's tantamount to letting the media become a tool of a corporate led totalitarian regime. If this happens would we hear about things similar to Watergate or Iran-Contra, or the already highly underreported events such as those concerning Chevron/Texaco in Nigeria, or the oft well reported on the left events such as Bhopal. If this happens, it is my belief that the new corporate led media will only report what it wants to and leave anything out that may speak to the contrary of their interests or may reflect badly on them in some way. For example take the coverage of the anti-war movement, right now the best reporting of it was done in San Francisco, while the supposedly "liberal" Washington Post barely recognized the events of the previous day, The New York Times shabby reporting was better than that. Also as media becomes the realm of the corporation and therefore the more conservative of those among us. It will become more sensationalistic and more one sided than the media already is because despite all the buzz about the liberal media, it has in fact become much more conservative than it has been in recent memory. And with conservative, to put it nicely, commentators like Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, and Ann Coulter getting more coverage than even their counterparts like Alan Colmes. It's hard to take the term liberal media seriously, even Donahue barely sounds like a liberal, and anytime a real liberal shows up on television they are either scoffed at or led into the conversation the conservative wants to have rather than giving an opposing viewpoint. And with the coming war, do you really want this on your shoulders, I as an American with family in the military expect fair and accurate reporting of what is going on and I do not believe that can be achieved by a corporate led media. I am also disappointed by the fact that you are basing most of this on the economic value of this to the handful of corporations that will benefit from it, which essentially puts us back to the years of FDR when no one was allowed to report that he was handicapped or when all of Kennedy's misgivings were left unreported. I also find it disappointing that the public comment period is so short and that there will only be one public meeting, especially since there has been no real media coverage of this very important event. Then again it is the very media you are supporting that will benefit from this.

Signed,  
Seth Kotouc  
149 33rd St NE #1  
Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402

**From:** Stephen Shannon  
**To:** Stephen Shannon  
**Date:** Mon. Jan 27, 2003 5:37 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Kennedy

Senator Kerry

Representative Neal

Message text follows:

Stephen Shannon  
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Suton, MA 01590-1338

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Steve Shannon

**From:** Sue Horn  
**To:** Sue Horn  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:57 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Graham  
Senator Nelson  
Representative Mica  
Message text follows:

Sue Horn  
1108 Stillwater Drive  
Deland. FL 32720-2570

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Sue Horn

**From:** Tom Wichert  
**To:** Tom Wichert  
**Date:** Mon. Jan 27, 2003 4:31 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Hutchison  
Senator Cornyn  
Representative Bell  
Message text follows:

Tom Wichert  
7700 Willowchase Blvd. #1012  
Houston, TX 77070

January 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Tom Wichert

From: Tyler Snow  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 6:59 PM  
Subject: Please Dont Take Away Our Freedoms

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules please read and understand my frustrations.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our countrys birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didnt find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Tyler Snell

(PS. I am class president at my highschool and seeing leaders such as yourself pull wool over peoples eyes is not very comforting.)

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From: Valerie Lasciak  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Thu, Jan 23.2003 3:42 AM  
Subject: Protect our rights to diverse media expression

I would like to register my vote for a diverse media, where diverse opinions have an opportunity to be expressed. I do not want only a small number of large companies dominating the my airways. The airways belong to the people. The freedom of diverse opinions must be protected by the FCC as our right. It ~~is~~ not alright with me if the FCC approves a corporate buyout that does not foster the principles of democracy.

Encourage , foster, & maintain the diversity of our airways, please.

Valerie Lasciak

**From:** William Booker  
**To:** William Booker  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:  
Senator Chambliss  
Message text follows:

William Booker  
282 Scenic Rte  
Cordele, GA 31015

January 27, 2003

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William G. Booker

**From:** William Booker  
**To:** William Booker  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Miller

Representative Bishop

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282 Scenic Rte  
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Sincerely,

William G. Booker



**From:** WILLIAM HANSEN  
**To:** WILLIAM HANSEN  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 28, 2003 3:54 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Wyden  
Senator Smith  
Representative DeFazio  
Message text follows:

WILLIAM HANSEN  
29502 Hwy. 38,  
Scottsburg, OR 97473

January 28, 2003

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[recipient name was inserted here],

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WILLIAM R. HANSEN